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For the Year 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Baildon Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Tenth Annual Report for the year 1925.

This is to be a Survey Report as requested by the Ministry of Health.

The district is moorland, agricultural, with some textile mills in various parts. It comprises 2,605 acres. The population in 1921 was 6,527, and estimated in 1925 at 7,000.

The number of inhabited houses (1921), 1,930.

The number of separate occupiers (1925), 1,855.

The rateable value is £54,707, equal to a penny rate of £228.

The greater part of the district is residential, except in the neighbourhood of the mills where the operatives live. The operatives in the mills suffer from anaemia to some extent.

There is not a large amount of Poor Law relief administrated.

Vital Statistics.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate	112	51	61	Birth-Rate 16.7 per 1,000 of pop.
	Illegitimate	4	—	4	
Deaths	... ...	74	39	35	Death-Rate 11.08

58 people having died in the district and 18 in outside areas. Two strangers have died in the district. 31 having been over 60 years of age and 6 over 80 years.

Infantile Death Rate.

There have been 11 deaths of Infants under 12 months of age, which is equal to a death-rate of 98.2 per 1,000 births. There were 5 out of the 11 due to premature birth and marasmus.

General Provisions of Health Services in Area.

Hospitals.

There are no hospitals in the area.

(1) The tuberculosis cases are looked after by the West Riding County Council.

(2) There are Maternity Homes in neighbouring towns.

(3) The cases from here are sent to the Bradford Childrens Hospital.

(4) Fever cases are removed to the Wharfedale Joint Infectious Hospital, of which Baildon is one of the authorities and is situated at Menston. A motor ambulance is provided for the removal of cases.

(5) There is a smallpox hospital in connection with the Wharfedale Infectious Hospital, which is situated on the Chevin, near Otley.

There are no provisions for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children in the area.

Ambulance Facilities :—

(*a*) A motor ambulance for infectious cases.

(*b*) Accidents use Salt's Motor Ambulance.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre under the West Riding County Council to which is attached a school clinic, which is opened once a week on Wednesday.

Public Health Officers of Local Authority.

There is one part-time Medical Officer.

One Sanitary Inspector.

No nurses are employed by the Council.

Nursing.

There is a district nurse who is supported by voluntary subscriptions.

She has paid 1,760 visits and attended 14 operations.

Midwives.

There are no qualified midwives practicing in the area.

Sanitary Conditions.

Water.

There is a good supply of water from the moors in the neighbourhood, which is good and pure. It is constant and is supplied to all the houses in the district with the exception of one part (Tong Park), which has a private supply and at times it has been known to fail. The water has a slight plumbo solvent action, but as all water is laid on to the houses in iron pipes there are not many cases of lead poisoning. The water is treated at the reservoir.

No supply is got from any river or stream.

Sewerage and Drainage.

The drainage is on the water carriage system and is effective except some old drains which are dealt with as they are discovered.

The outlying districts have cesspits and privy accommodation. There is want of a sewer in the Glen area, which is growing.

Closet Accommodation.

Efforts are being made to convert the existing privies into W.C.'s whenever the landlords are willing to do so, and in all cases when they are a nuisance and they can be drained into the sewers without excessive cost.

	1922	1923	1924	1925
Privies with Open Middens ...	3	3	3	3
Pail or Tub Closets	24	24	24	24
W.C.'s	985	1063	1155	1213
Waste W.C.'s	34	34	35	35
Privies with Covered Middens	147	123	88	80

There is no reason why the whole of the closets in the Tong Park area should not be converted into W.C.'s, as there is sufficient water for that purpose.

Scavenging.

Is done by the urban Council.

No. of loads to	(*a*) Destructor	72
	(*b*) Tips	2961
	(*c*) Farmers	86

The total annual cost is £957.

Sanitary Inspection of Area.

Schools.

There are 4 schools in the area, which have a good supply of water, and the sanitary conditions are good except the Church School.

Two of the schools have been closed owing to infectious diseases for 14 days.

Smoke.

No action is taken by the Council except to write letters to the offenders.

Milk Supply.

The cowsheds and mistals have been inspected and two were in such an unsatisfactory state that they were ordered to be closed.

Inspection of Food.

Milk.

There are two milkmen who supply grade A milk.

No. of Cow-keepers in district	28
No. Registered	28
No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are Cow-keepers	28
No. who are Milk Retailers only ...	9
Total of Milk Sellers registered	37
Total of Cowsheds	28
Total No. of Inspections	56

Meat.

The slaughter houses (3) have been visited from time to time and the meat inspected. The meat is not marked under the meat regulations 1924.

Shops and stores are inspected and there is only one stall in this area.

There are only 3 private slaughter houses.

	1920	In Jan., 1925	In Dec., 1925
Registered	2	2	2
Licensed	—	1	1

The Bakehouses (6) are in a satisfactory condition and there is only one underground.

Factories and Workshops.

Factories: 5 inspections were made.

Want of Ventilation		1
Sanitary Accommodation	Insufficient ...	
	Defective ...	1
	Not separate for sexes	

Infectious Diseases.

Scarlet Fever is from time to time prevalent in the district, most of the cases are imported into the schools, but prompt closing and disinfecting stamp it out before it gets very bad.

As the infectious cases are at once removed to Hospital, Schich and Dich tests are not applied in these respective cases.

There has been one case of smallpox which was removed to the smallpox hospital and it was thought that the infection came from Middlesbrough.

	Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.
Diphtheria	3	2
Scarlet Fever	16	16
Smallpox	1	1
Erysipelas	2	0
Ophthalnia	0	0
Enteric	0	0

Housing Conditions.

There is a shortage of cottage houses and the builders are not building that type.

There is slight over-crowding in the Woodbottom and Tong Park districts.

The general standard of the houses is good. There are defective ones here and there, but no slum areas. Have had difficulty in some cases to get defects remedied, but that is due in most cases to landlords wanting to get rid of undesirable tenants.

Bye-laws and Regulations.

In Force in District.

	Date of Approval.
Cleaning of Footways and Pavements	12/7/93
Prevention of Nuisances	12/7/93
New Streets and Buildings	12/7/93
Alteration of Buildings	15/9/14
Slaughter Houses	12/7/93

Tuberculosis.

Age Period.	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1				
5				
10				
15				
20				
25		Nil		
35				
45				
55				
65				

The houses of cases when they are removed or at death are disinfected.

The cases are attended by the W.R.C.C. Tuberculosis Officer at Shipley.

I am, yours obediently,

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Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(3) Total 50

(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ... nil.

1. Unfit dwelling-houses :—

Inspection (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts) 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 34

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 2

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ... nil.

Remedy of defects without service of formal notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ... nil

3. Action under Statutory Powers :—

A. Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 6

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :—

(a) By Owners 6
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... nil

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close... 2

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :—

(a) By Owners ... ... nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... nil.

C. Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders 2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 2

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling house having been rendered fit ... ... nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 2

(5) Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 2